

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 410
By Casada

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Ron Thompson,
on his selection as Williamson County High
School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ron Thompson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by Williamson County Schools, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson received his Bachelor's Degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College, a Master's Degree from the University of Kentucky, and a Doctorate from the University of Kentucky, all of which were degrees in Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson has served with acumen and alacrity as a middle and high school teacher for nearly 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, highly involved within his profession, Dr. Thompson is and has been a facilitator, participant, and presenter at many committee meetings and conferences; to name just a few, he was the Chairman of the Curriculum Committee and the Ethics Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities at Sacred Heart School in Knoxville and Holy Rosary Academy in Nashville, Chairman of the Foreign Language and Fine Arts Departments, Chairman of the Foreign Language and Social Studies Departments, and he created The Scholars Program and Great Books Courses for English Teachers; Dr. Thompson is also a member of the Tennessee Teachers Study Council, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, the Tennessee Foreign Language Teachers Association, and the Tennessee Humanities Council; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Thompson has received almost too many to name; in 1997, he was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year in the Humanities in Tennessee by the Tennessee Humanities Council, was awarded the Chair of Teaching Excellence by Page High School in May of 1999, is a past winner of Page High School Teacher of the Year honors, and has been recognized many times due to the consistency with which his students perform outstandingly on Advanced Placement exams; and

WHEREAS, caring and generous with his time, Dr. Thompson has been President and Vice-President of the Home and School Association of St. Bernard Academy, and has volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Community Clothes Drives, and the Food Basket Program; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Thompson is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his family; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ron Thompson truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Ron Thompson on being chosen as Williamson County High School Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.